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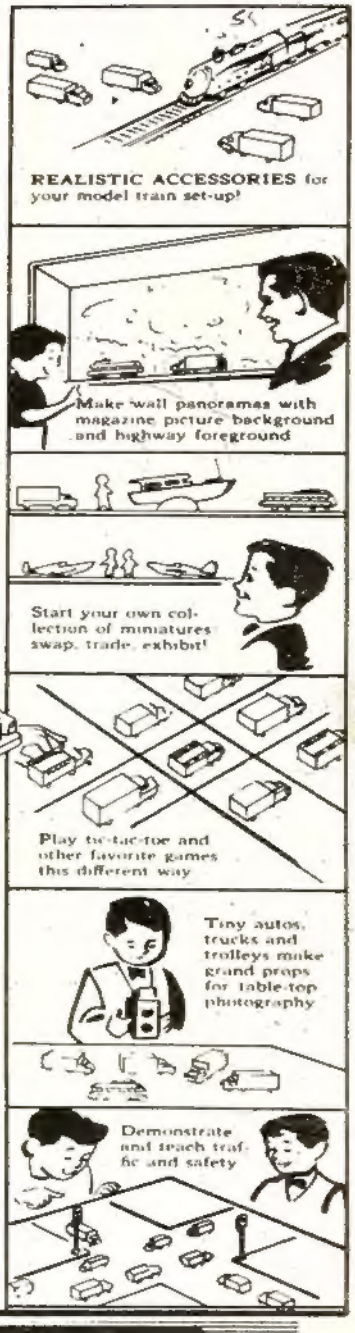
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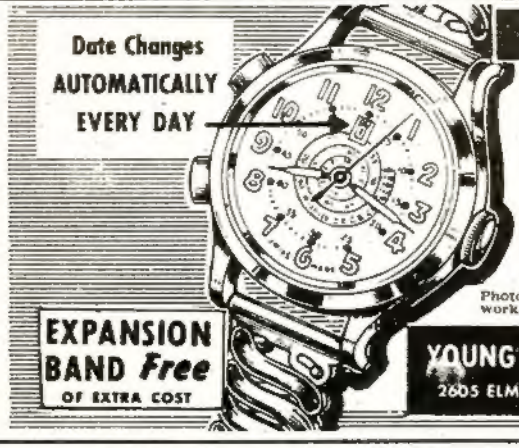

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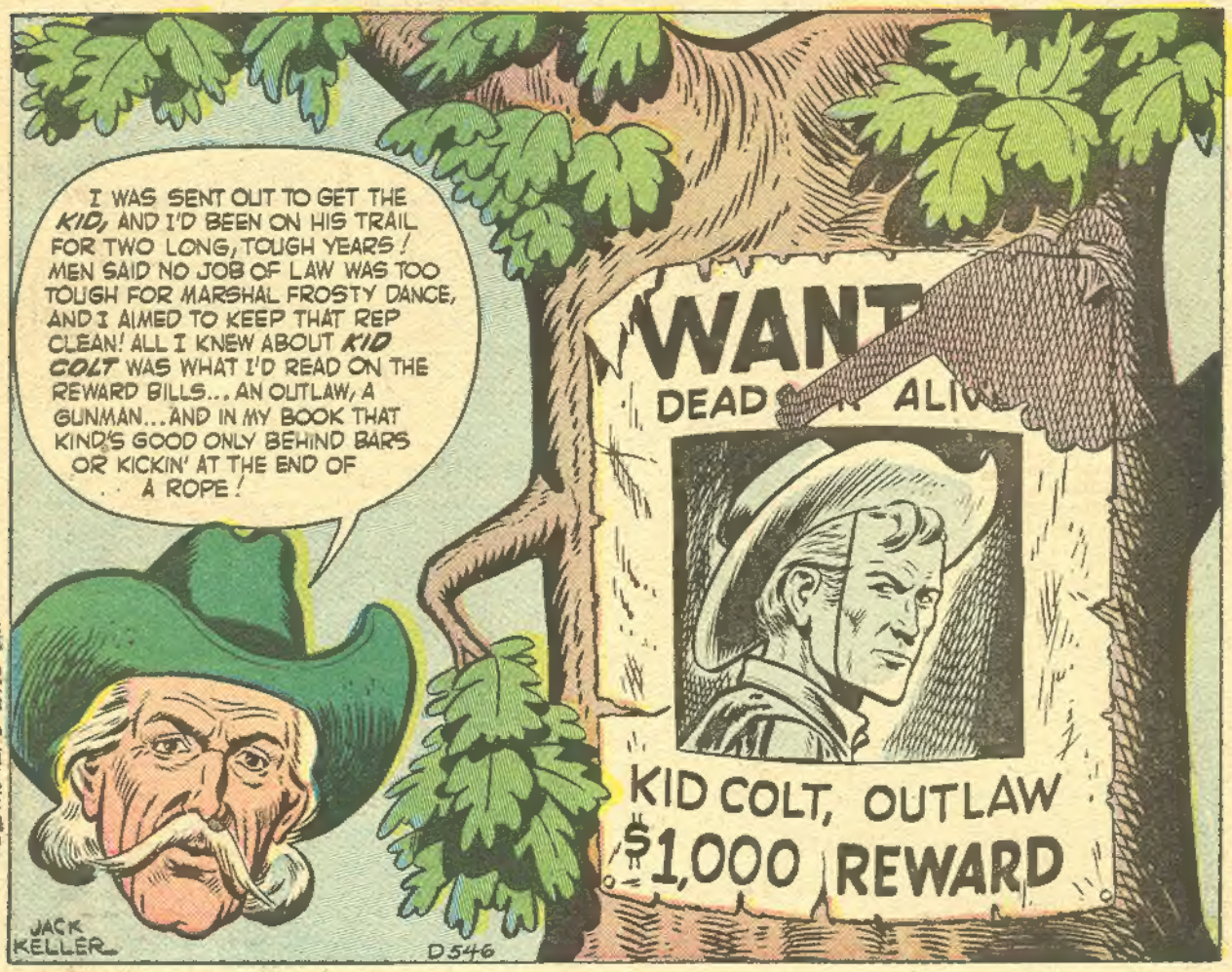
I WAS SENT OUT TO GET THE KID, AND I'D BEEN ON HIS TRAIL FOR TWO LONG, TOUGH YEARS! MEN SAID NO JOB OF LAW WAS TOO TOUGH FOR MARSHAL FROSTY DANCE, AND I AIMED TO KEEP THAT REP CLEAN! ALL I KNEW ABOUT KID COLT WAS WHAT I'D READ ON THE REWARD BILLS... AN OUTLAW, A GUNMAN... AND IN MY BOOK THAT KIND'S GOOD ONLY BEHIND BARS OR KICKIN' AT THE END OF A ROPE!
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IT WAS IN THE CHICASAW MOUNTAINS THAT I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HIM...

MARSHAL FROSTY DANCE! SO YOU FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH ME! I'VE HAD A POSSE ON MY TAIL FOR 3 DAYS... NO CHANCE TO SLEEP, OR ELSE...
YEAH, I KNOW... OR ELSE I WOULDN'T'VE WALKED UP ON YUH SO EASY LIKE THIS!

I SAW HIM GOOD FOR THE FIRST TIME! HE WAS WORN AND TIRED, BUT TOUGH AS A BRONC, WITH LONG, LAZY MUSCLES LIKE A PUMA...

I AIN'T OUT AFTER BLOOD MONEY, KID! IT WAS MY JOB TO GET YUH, AN' I DID!
YEAH, I KNOW YOUR REP, FROSTY! YOU'RE A HARD HOMBRE, BUT YOU'RE CLEAN AN' HONEST!

I WAS WARY WITH THIS WOLF! AFTER TWO YEARS FOLLOWIN' HIM, I KNEW HOW FAST AN' TOUGH HE WAS! I'D HEARD THE STORIES AND SEEN THE RESULTS OF HIS GUN SKILL...

MOUNT, KID, SLOW-LIKE! I'M GONNA CUFF YUH TO THE HORN, AN HOBBLE YOUR HORSE'S FRONT LEGS!
YOU'RE A THOROUGH MAN, FROSTY! LOOKS LIKE IT'S FIXIN' TO STORM!

NO STORM COULD BE WORSE THAN WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH FOLLOWIN' YOUR TRAIL THESE LAST TWO YEARS! ONCE I GET YUH SNUG BEHIND BARS, I CAN RELAX... BUT NOT UNTIL THEN!

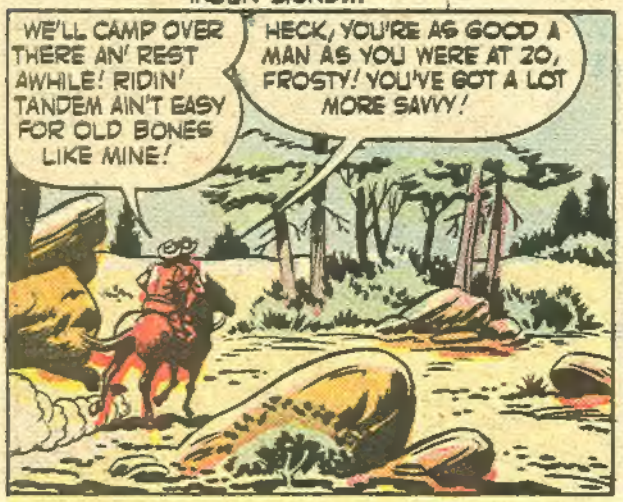
THE CHICASAW MOUNTAIN TRAIL AIN'T EXACTLY THE SAFEST PLACE IN A STORM! WIND WHISTLED AND ROCKS BEGAN TO ROLL...

I HEARD HIS SHOUT, FELT SOMETHING GRAB ME... THEN I WAS LIFTED FROM MY HORSE LIKE A BABY! I FIGURED HE WAS FIXIN' TO ESCAPE!

I HAD MY GUN AGAINST HIS SIDE... I WAS JUST ABOUT TO PULL THE TRIGGER, WHEN I HEARD THE SCREAM OF MY HORSE AND SAW...

YUH SAVED MY LIFE, KID! WHY DID YUH DO THAT?
SHUCKS, FROSTY, I'VE GROWN KINDA FOND OF YOU THESE LAST 2 YEARS! I WOULDN'T WANT A THING LIKE THAT TO HAPPEN TO YOU!

THE STORM BLEW ITSELF OUT BY MORNIN'! WE WERE IN APACHE COUNTRY THEN AN' I KEPT ONE EYE ON THE KID AN' THE OTHER ROAMIN' FOR INJUN SIGNS...


WE'LL CAMP OVER THERE AN' REST AWHILE! RIDIN' TANDEM AIN'T EASY FOR OLD BONES LIKE MINE!
HECK, YOU'RE AS GOOD A MAN AS YOU WERE AT 20, FROSTY! YOU'VE GOT A LOT MORE SAVVY!

I'M GOING TO TAKE ME A NAP! WANT TO TIE ME UP TIGHTER?
NOPE! I AIN'T SLEEPIN' UNTIL I GET YUH TO MILES CITY! REMEMBER THAT, KID! I'LL ALWAYS HAVE MY GUN POINTED AT YOUR MIDDLE!

I LEANED AGAINST THAT COTTONWOOD! I SURE WAS TIRED! I HEARD THE KID SNORE! I SHOOK MYSELF TO KEEP AWAKE...

YEAH, I FELL ASLEEP! NOT FOR LONG... JUST FOR LONG ENOUGH! I OPENED MY EYES AND CAME TO MY FEET IN THAT SAME SECOND...

HE'S GONE! CURSE ME FOR AN OLD FOOL, THINKIN' I COULD TAKE A WOLF LIKE THAT ONE, SINGLE-HANDED! BUT HOW COME HE DIDN'T FINISH ME OFF?

THEN I HEARD THE HOOFS SLAMMING AT ME! I WHIRLED AN' BROUGHT UP MY GUN...
HA! I HAD HIM FIGURED RIGHT! HE'S COME BACK TO GUN ME DOWN!
YUH MURDERIN' POLECAT, I'LL...
CUT IT, FROSTY! THE WOODS ARE FULL OF APACHE! WAR PARTY, HEADED THIS WAY!
GET THIS CUFF OFF ME AND GIVE ME BACK MY GUNS! WE'LL BE LUCKY TO GET OUT OF THIS ALIVE!
ALL RIGHT! BUT IF THIS IS A TRICK, KID, I'LL DROP YUH WHERE YUH STAND!
I CAN'T FIGGER WHY YUH CAME BACK! YOU WAS FREE, AN' THE INJUN'S WOULD'VE TAKEN CARE OF ME!
I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU TO THE MERCY OF THOSE DEVILS, FROSTY!
ALL RIGHT! BUT REMEMBER, YOU'RE STILL UNDER ARREST! I GOT MY DUTY!
HERE THEY COME!
YIP! YIP!
HE WAS A GUNHAWK ALL RIGHT! FASTEST AN' BEST MAN I EVER SAW WITH A COLT .45! IT WAS MOSTLY HIS LEAD THAT STOPPED THEM RED DEVILS JUST AS THEY WAS REACHIN' FOR US!

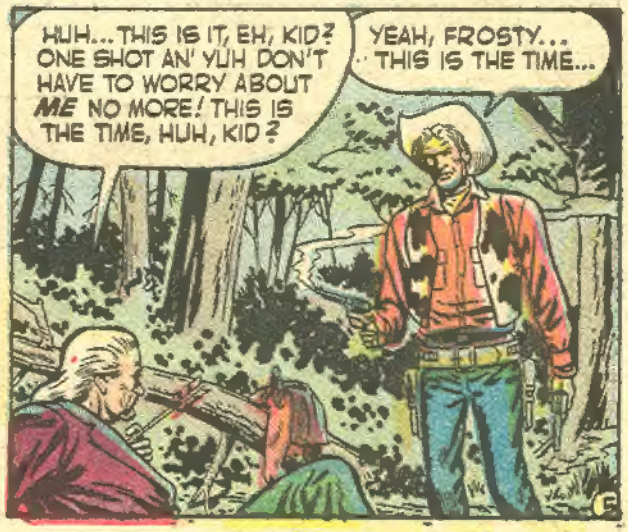
THEY'LL BE BACK! THEY DON'T GIVE UP SO EASY! YOU'RE SOME ACE WITH YOUR HARDWARE, FROSTY!
DOUBLE FOR YOU, KID!

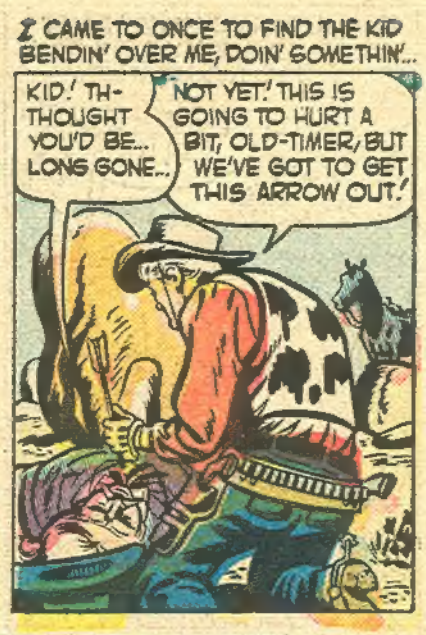
THEY CAME AGAIN, SCREAMIN' LIKE FURIES, PAINTED, SAVAGE AN' THIRSTIN' FOR BLOOD!
WE AIN'T GONNA STOP 'EM THIS TIME!
KEEP THAT IRON HOT!

THAT'S WHEN I GOT IT... LIKE HOT FIRE RUNNIN' THROUGH ME!
UGH! GIT ON YOUR PONY AN' HIGH-TAIL IT! THEY'LL NEVER GET CLOSE WITH THAT HOSS UNDER YUH!
AND LEAVE YOU TO THEM? NOTHING DOING!

I LAY THERE LIKE A STUCK PIG! I HEARD THE INJUNS SWARMIN' UP! THE KID STOOD OVER ME, FIGHTIN' LIKE A BLONDE DEMON! HE WAS AN OULAW, BUT HE SURE WAS A FIGHTIN' MAN...

JUMPIN' JEHOSHAPHAT! YUH DID IT AGAIN!


THEN, AS I LAY THERE ON THE GROUND, HELPLESS, THE KID LOOKED DOWN AT ME, HIS GUNS HANGIN' LOOSE IN HIS HANDS, HIS EYES COLD BLUE SLITS...
HUH... THIS IS IT, EH, KID? ONE SHOT AN' YUH DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME NO MORE! THIS IS THE TIME, HUH, KID?
YEAH, FROSTY... THIS IS THE TIME...


I CAME TO ONCE TO FIND THE KID BENDIN' OVER ME, DOIN' SOMETHIN'...
KID! TH-THOUGHT YOU'D BE... LONG GONE...
NOT YET! THIS IS GOING TO HURT A BIT, OLD-TIMER, BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET THIS ARROW OUT!

TIME PASSED! IT WAS DARK WHEN I CAME TO THE LAST TIME, FEELIN' A LOT BETTER! I WAS IN A FAMILIAR PLACE....
WHERE... WHERE ARE WE, KID?
MILES CITY! THIS IS YOUR OFFICE, FROSTY! YOU MADE IT! SOMETIMES I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD, BUT YOU'RE A TOUGH OL' COOT!

MILES CITY? MY OFFICE? YOU'RE A BLASTED FOOL! I'M A LAWMAN!
I WASN'T REMEMBERIN' THAT, FROSTY! ALL I REMEMBERED WAS THAT YOU WERE A MAN!

WHAT HAPPENED, MARSHAL?
DID YOU GET KID COLT? DID YUH SHOOT HIM DOWN?
WAL, SHERIFF, THIS KID COLT NOW... HE'S AN OUTLAW, A MURDERIN' KILLER, FIT ONLY FOR THE ROPE, AIN'T THAT RIGHT?
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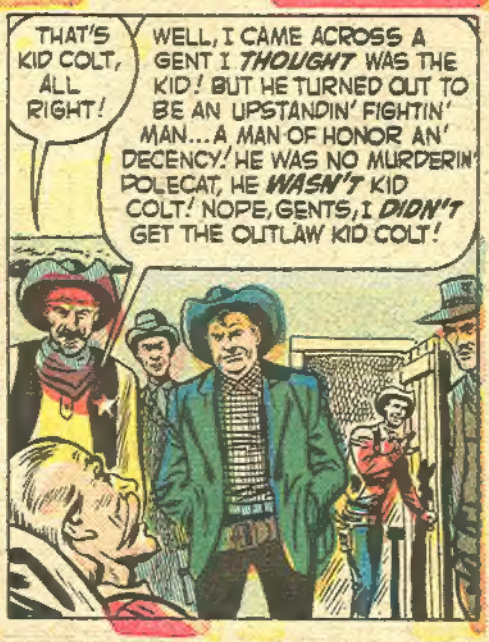
THAT'S KID COLT, ALL RIGHT!
WELL, I CAME ACROSS A GENT I THOUGHT WAS THE KID! BUT HE TURNED OUT TO BE AN UPSTANDIN' FIGHTIN' MAN... A MAN OF HONOR AN' DECENCY! HE WAS NO MURDERIN' POLECAT, HE WASN'T KID COLT! NOPE, GENTS, I DIDN'T GET THE OUTLAW KID COLT!

I RETIRED AFTER THAT! I NEVER SAW KID COLT AGAIN! AND I NEVER AGAIN THOUGHT OF HIM AS AN OUTLAW... I ONLY REMEMBERED HIM AS A FRIEND AND A MAN I'D ADMIRE TO "RIDE THE RANGE WITH", AS THE SAYIN' GOES!

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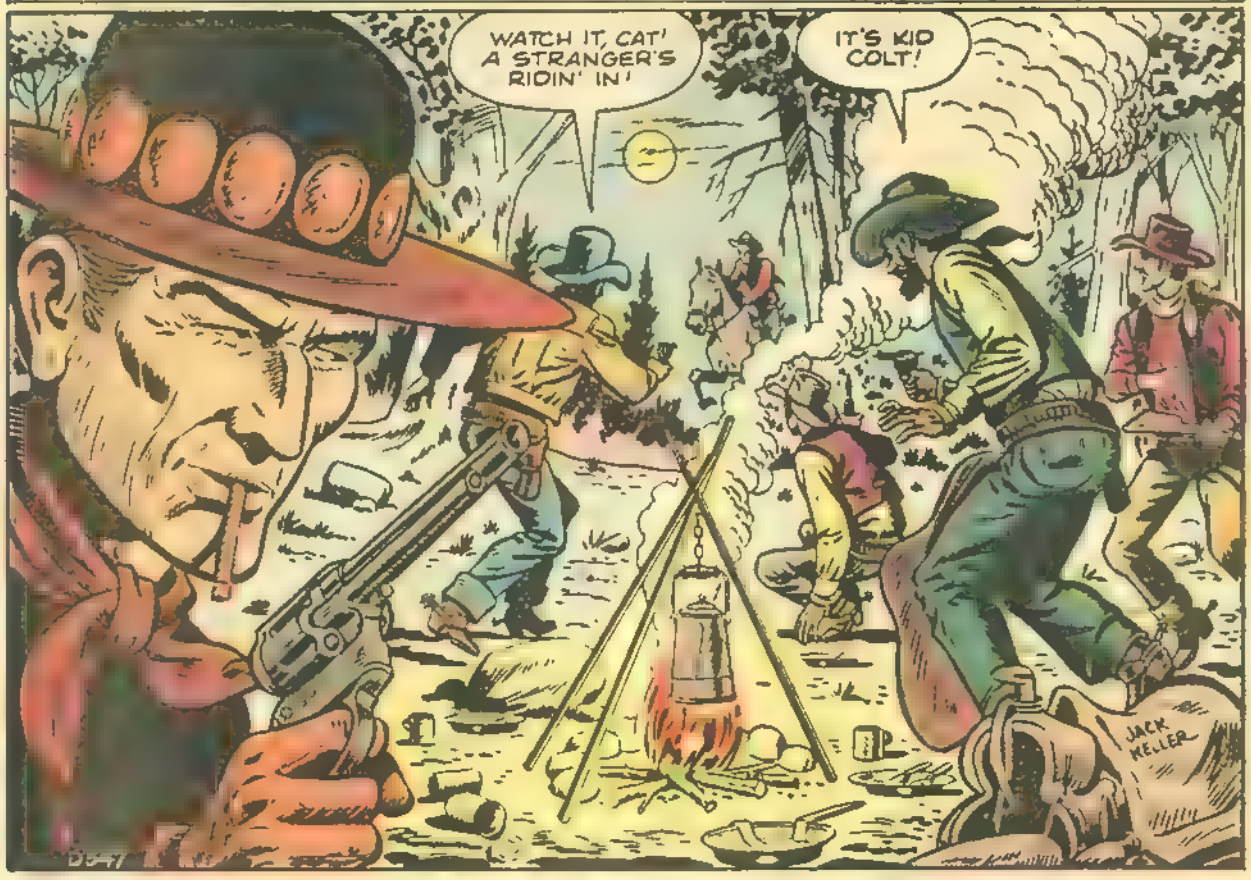
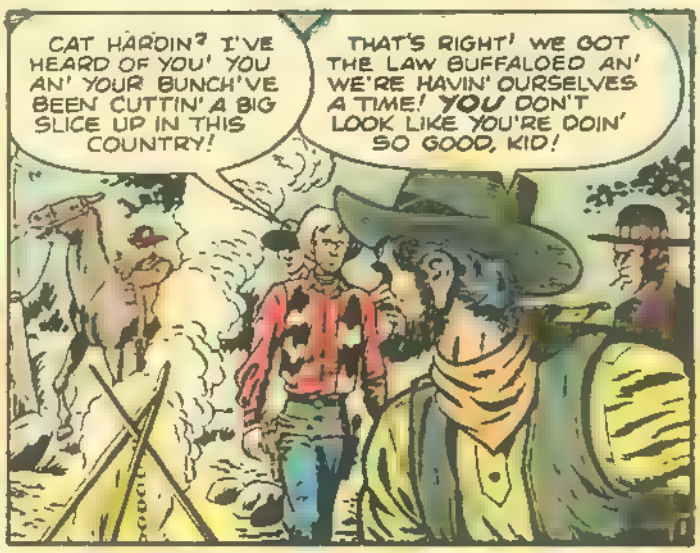


HE DIDN'T LOOK AS TOUGH AS I'D HEARD HE WAS, WHEN HE CAME INTO THE LIGHT OF THE FIRE! HE LOOKED ALL IN, HUNGRY... AN' LIKE HE WAS READY TO DROP!


CAT HARDIN? I'VE HEARD OF YOU! YOU AN' YOUR BUNCH'VE BEEN CUTTIN' A BIG SLICE UP IN THIS COUNTRY!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE GOT THE LAW BUFFALOED AN' WE'RE HAVIN' OURSELVES A TIME! *YOU* DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE DOIN' SO GOOD, KID!

A POSSE'S BEEN ON MY TAIL CLEAR ACROSS MONTANA TERRITORY! I RAN OUT OF PROVISIONS TWO DAYS AGO!
SQUAT, KID! YOU'RE WELCOME TO WHAT'S LEFT FROM OUR SUPPER!

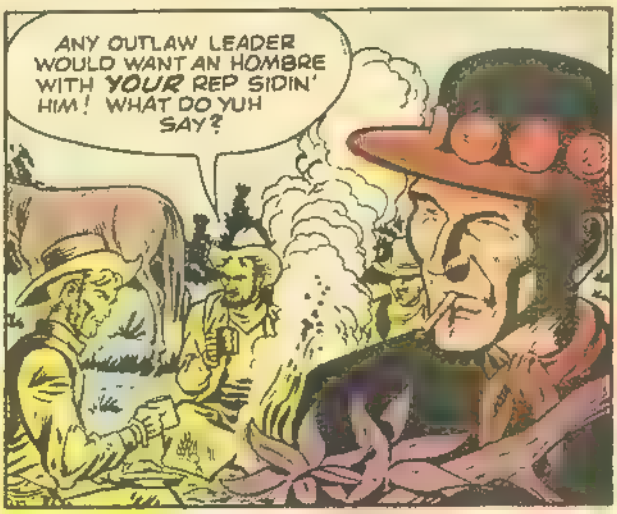
I'D ALWAYS FIGURED CAT WAS A LITTLE SCARED OF ME...NOW I KNEW IT! THAT'S WHY HE WANTED THE KID TO THROW IN WITH HIM, SO HE COULD PIT *HIM* AGAINST *ME!*

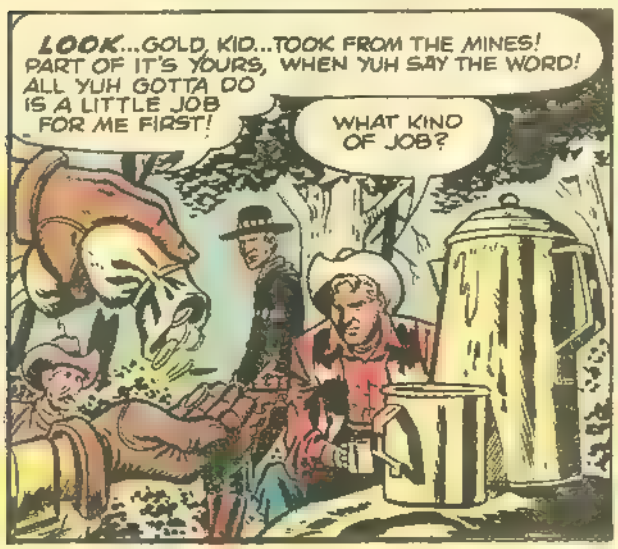
I COULD USE ANOTHER GUN HAND LIKE YOU! I KNOW YOU'RE A LONE WOLF, BUT LOOK WHAT IT GETS YUH! ME AN' MY BOYS LIVE OFF THE FAT OF THE LAND!

I FIGURED RIGHT! I'D BEEN CAT'S LIEUTENANT UP TO NOW! THE KID FIGURED IT TOO! HIS EYES SWUNG TO ME, SIZING ME UP! MY HANDS HUNG CLOSE TO MY GUNS...HOW FAST WAS THIS LONE WOLF KID?

WE'RE WORKIN' ON A DEAL RIGHT NOW THAT'LL NET US PLENTY! THEN WE LIGHT OUTTA THIS COUNTRY AN' SET UP SOMEWHERE ELSE!
IF YOU'RE DOIN' SO GOOD, WHY DO YOU NEED ME?

I COULD SEE HIM FIGURIN' THE ODDS...HOW MUCH WAS IN IT FOR HIM! A COLD, FIGURIN' SNAKE, HE WAS! I WATCHED HIM LIKE A HAWK!




LOOK...GOLD, KID...TOOK FROM THE MINES! PART OF IT'S YOURS, WHEN YUH SAY THE WORD! ALL YUH GOTTA DO IS A LITTLE JOB FOR ME FIRST!
WHAT KIND OF JOB?

HE MEANS HE WANTS YUH TO GUN *ME* DOWN...IF YUH CAN! HE'S AFRAID I'LL BACK-SHOOT HIM SOME NIGHT DURIN' A RAID AN' TAKE OVER THE BUNCH FOR MYSELF!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT, COPPER! THERE'S YOUR JOB, KID! SHOOT THAT RAT'S GUTS OUT!
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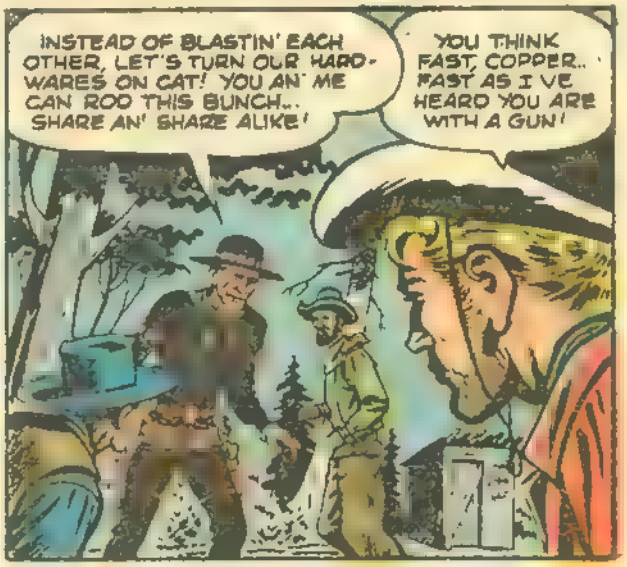
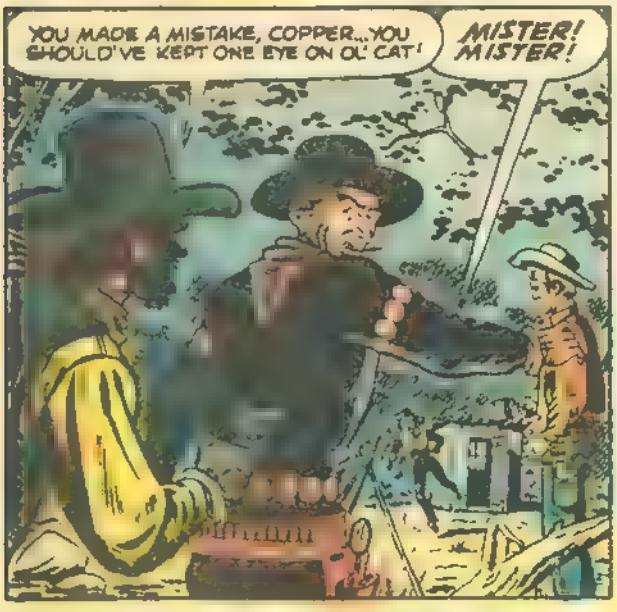
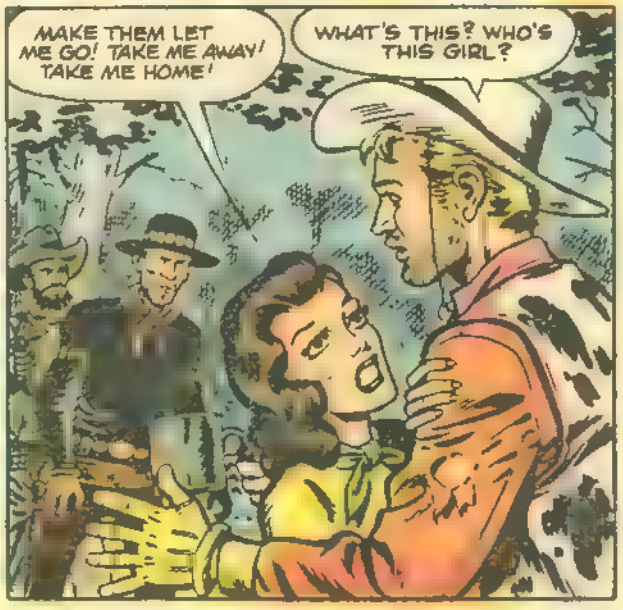
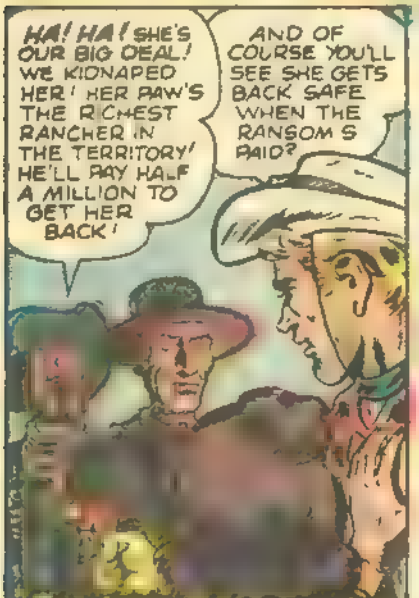
I FIGURED I KNEW WHAT HE WAS THINKIN'' HE'D TAKE ME TO GET IN GOOD, THEN KILL CAT AN' TAKE OVER THE BUNCH LIKE I'D FIGURED DOIN'! BUT HE HAD TO OUTDRAW ME FIRST!

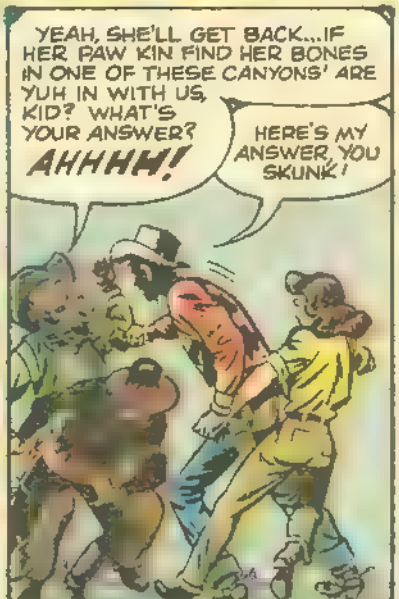
NO USE US KILLIN' EACH OTHER...I HAD A BETTER PLAN! WE COULD TRY EACH OTHER SOME OTHER TIME...


INSTEAD OF BLASTIN' EACH OTHER, LET'S TURN OUR HARDWARES ON CAT! YOU AN' ME CAN ROD THIS BUNCH... SHARE AN' SHARE ALIKE!
YOU THINK FAST, COPPER... FAST AS I'VE HEARD YOU ARE WITH A GUN!

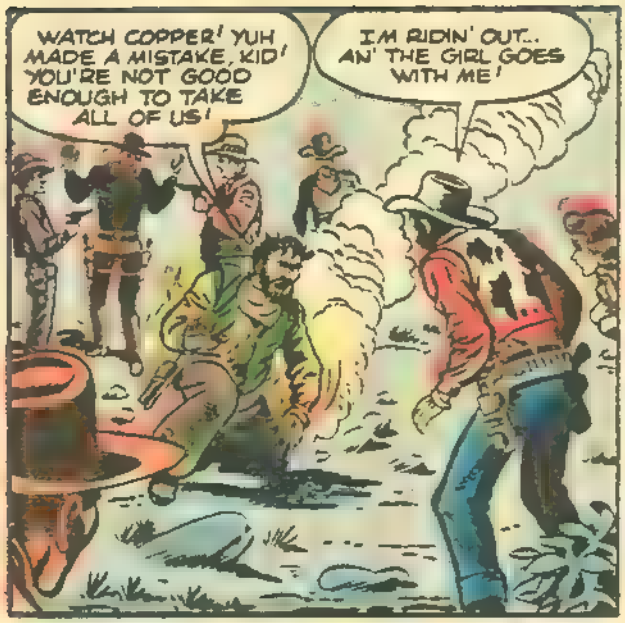




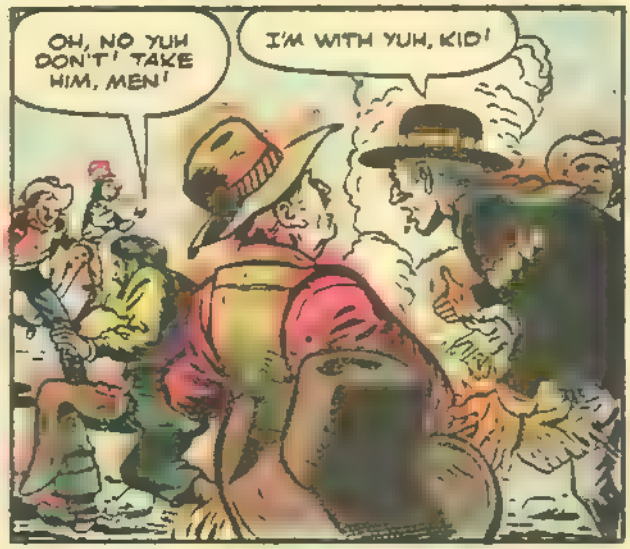

HA! HA! SHE'S OUR BIG DEAL! WE KIDNAPED HER! HER PAW'S THE RICHEST RANCHER IN THE TERRITORY! HE'LL PAY HALF A MILLION TO GET HER BACK!
AND OF COURSE YOU'LL SEE SHE GETS BACK SAFE WHEN THE RANSOM'S PAID?


YEAH, SHE'LL GET BACK...IF HER PAW KIN FIND HER BONES IN ONE OF THESE CANYONS' ARE YUH IN WITH US, KID? WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER? AHHHH!
HERE'S MY ANSWER, YOU SKUNK!

HE SURE WAS FAST WITH HIS HANDS...



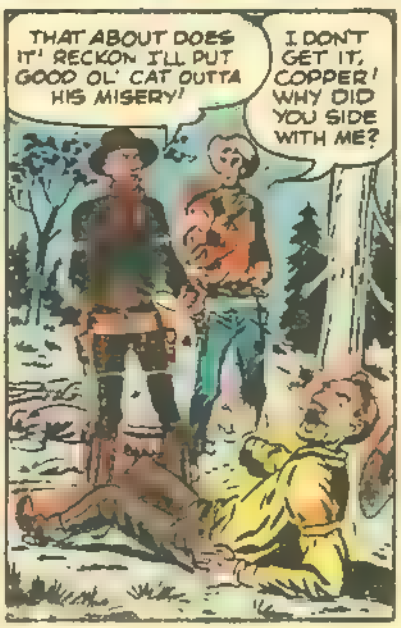
NOW I SAW WHAT HE WANTED! HIS MIND WORKED THE SAME AS MINE! HE WANTED ALL THE RANSOM! BUT I FIGURED TO CUT MYSELF IN..



I WAS BUSY FOR A MINUTE WHEN THE PARTY STARTED AN' I DIDN'T SEE THE KID IN THAT FIRST BLAST OF ACTION - BUT I HEARD CAT SCREAM..

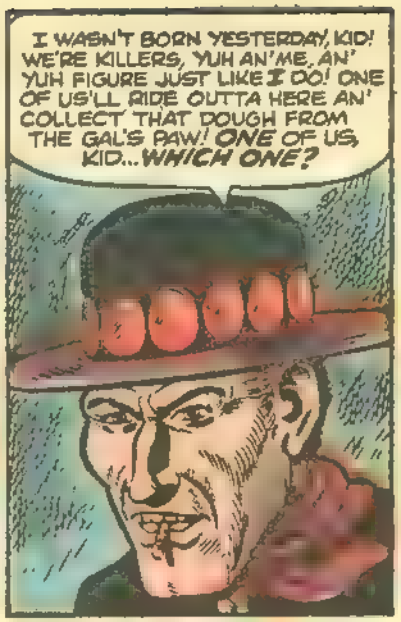
HE SURE WAS A FIGHTIN' MAN! MAYBE THEY'D GET HIM.. BUT HE'D CUT DOWN ENOUGH TO MAKE THE REST EASY FOR **ME!** THEN IT WOULD **ALL BE MINE!**

BUT HIS LEAD WAS FAST AN' ACCURATE! I SAW THE KID HAD THEM..



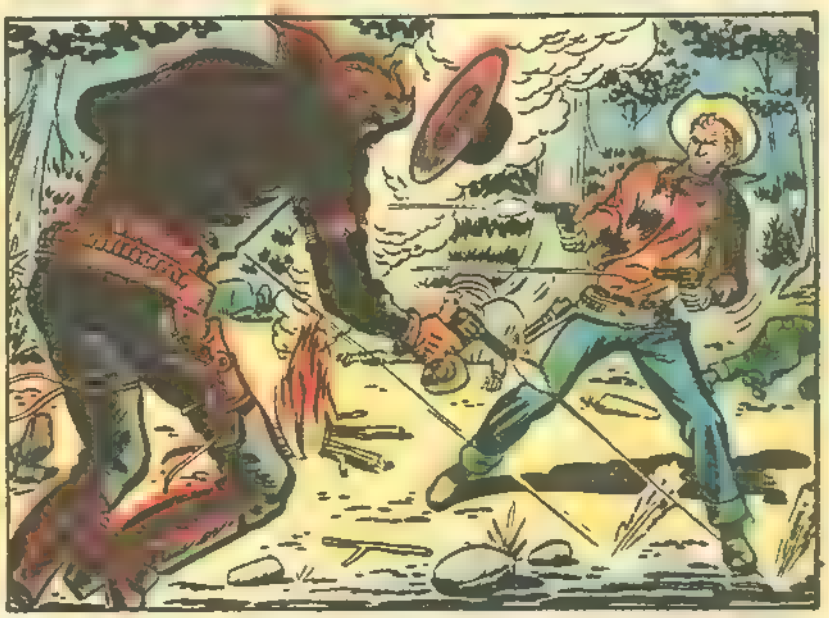
WHY, YOU AN' ME, KID.. WE'RE LIKE TWO PEAS IN A POD THERE'LL BE ENOUGH DINERO TO SPLIT TWO WAYS! LET'S GET RID OF THE GAL FIRST.. SO'S WE CAN TRAVEL LIGHT!
HOLD IT, YOU MURDERIN' DOG!

HIS VOICE WAS LOW AN' DANGEROUS! I KNEW THEN HE WOULD NEVER QUIT BEIN' A LONE WOLF. HE WANTED IT ALL FOR HIMSELF! IT WOULD BE A SHOWDOWN AN' I WONDERED AGAIN JUST HOW FAST HE WAS...

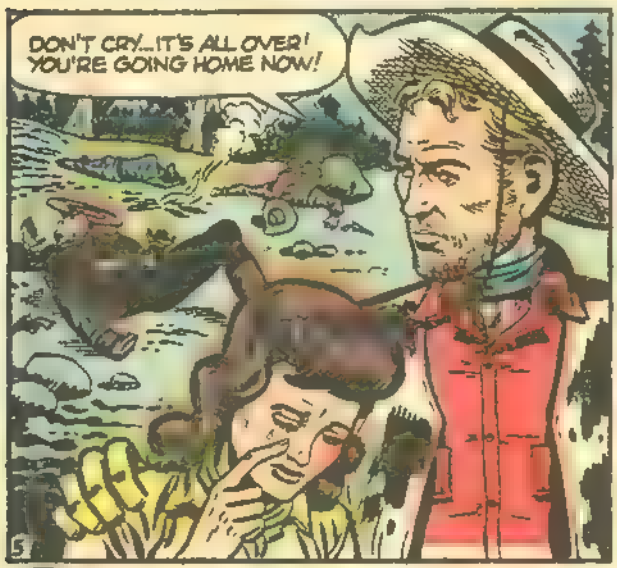

I WASN'T BORN YESTERDAY, KID! WE'RE KILLERS, YUH AN' ME, AN' YUH FIGURE JUST LIKE I DO! ONE OF US'LL RIDE OUTTA HERE AN' COLLECT THAT DOUGH FROM THE GAL'S PAW! ONE OF US, KID... WHICH ONE?

YES, I RECKON JUST ONE OF US WILL RIDE OUT OF THESE HILLS, COPPER! I KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING YOU WERE THE KIND OF GUNMAN WHO CAN'T REST UNTIL HE'S TRIED A MAN WHO MIGHT MATCH HIS DRAW!
THAT'S RIGHT, KID! I'VE GOTTA KNOW!

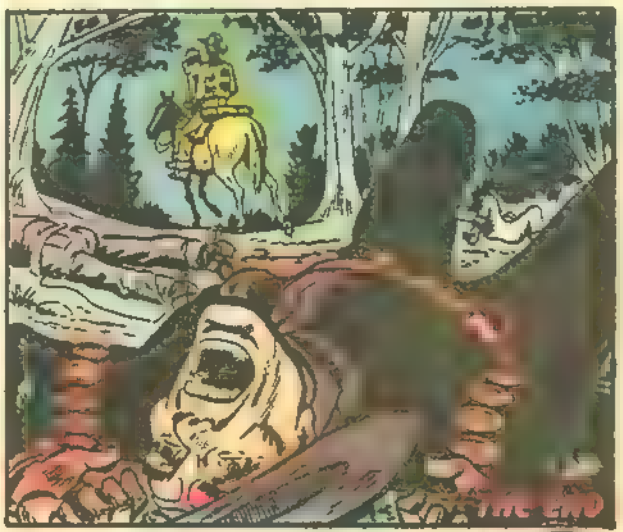
I DREW! I WAS PROUD OF THAT DRAW! IT WAS PART OF ME...LIKE LIGHTNING! AN EXPLOSION OF MOVEMENT AND SOUND, AND THEN A MAN SAGGING DOWN IN FRONT OF ME!



IT WAS FUNNY...LIKE SOMEBODY HIT ME WITH AN AXE! I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT...



I *KNEW* HOW FAST HE WAS *NOW!* YEAH, THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW KID COLT, AN' I RECKON IT'S THE LAST TIME I'LL SEE HIM...OR ANYBODY! HE AN' ME...WE WAS SO MUCH...ALIKE!



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KILLER IN TOWN

BLACKIE NOLAN'S hand trembled as he set down the shot-glass on the knife-scarred oak bar. His eyes scanned the saloon through the cracked mirror behind the bartender. There was no one there who could possibly know that he was Blackie Nolan — wanted for stage robbery and murder in four states. He was safe. For the time being. He wiped his wet lips on the sleeve of his red-checkered shirt and called out in a hoarse voice.

"Gimme 'nother!"

The bartender set the glass down in front of the outlaw.

"Stranger in town, ain't yuh?"

"Yeah. What's it to yuh?"

The heavy red faced man continued wiping the place where someone had spilled a beer. He didn't look up as he spoke.

"This here town of Rimrock don't take to strangers — 'specially them what wears their holsters cut low, and tied."

"So what?" sneered Nolan.

"So I'm just advisin' yuh," said the bartender. "That's what."

Blackie looked away from the man disdainfully and stared out the window at the general store across the street. He saw two Indians shuffling down the dusty road. One of them walked inside the store. The other seated himself on the front steps, pulled his blanket tight around him, and appeared to go to sleep. He wondered if he could use them in any way in his plan to hold up the Rimrock Rancher's Bank. If there were some way to pay them to help him, and then throw the blame on them. People never trusted Indians anyhow. There might be a way to work it, he thought.

He went back to his drink, musing about his good luck. So far he hadn't met anyone who recognized him. That *was* a break. But then he hadn't come across the sheriff, and there was always the danger of reward dodgers that were sent out to lawmen. He figured that they hadn't been sent this far west, but he couldn't be sure. There was no use taking any chances. He'd get a room for the night, rob the bank about 3 o'clock in the morning, and make his getaway before he even got a chance to come in contact with the sheriff.

He slammed a silver dollar on the counter to pay for the drinks, and started outside into the cool evening. He slammed through the batwing doors, deep in thought, and bumped into a man headed into the saloon.

"Why'nt yuh watch where you're goin'?"

Blackie Nolan looked up, intending to return some nasty remark. Instead, his blood froze in his veins. He mumbled, "Sorry, pardner." And moved quickly out into the street, conscious of the man's eyes staring into the back of his neck. He crossed the street quickly and walked into the general store.

It was only when he passed the sleeping Indian, and started up the steps to the store, that he dared to draw a deep breath. Of all the stupid, crazy kinds of bad luck, he thought, he had to draw a deadman's hand. Jerry Royal. Not only did he bump into the sheriff during his very first hour into town, but it had to be the one person who—if he remembered Blackie Nolan —could put the finger on him. He'd had a run in with Royal in Texas, about four years ago, when Royal was a U.S. Marshal. They'd seen each other once. Blackie Nolan never forgot a face and a name. He wondered if Jerry Royal had as good a memory.

"What'll you have, stranger?"

The voice startled him, and his hand jerked involuntarily to his gun-butt. "What? Oh, uh—just gimme a package of Bull Durham tobacco and some papers."

The storekeeper reached down under the counter for the merchandise. Blackie paid for it,

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and then walked to the door. He stopped to build himself a cigarette.

His luck had suddenly shifted from good to very bad, he thought. He had one of two alternatives. Get out of town, and quick. Or find a way to get rid of Jerry Royal, who had either recognized him, or would soon recall who he was. He thought about the second alternative. How would he go about doing that?

Suddenly he looked up and saw Royal coming out of the Saloon across the street. The lawman was agitated as if he were looking for someone. Blackie's hand began to tremble.

And then an idea hit him.

He walked out onto the porch and grabbed the snoozing Indian by the arm. He held his gun to the man's back.

"Come with me or I'll fill you full of lead."

The Indian started to protest but moved when Blackie prodded him with his gun. They walked quickly into the side alley. He knew that Sheriff Royal had seen him moving with the Indian. That was good, smirked Blackie. He would probably follow them, and that was perfect. Who would take an Indian's word against his? The Indian started to whimper and Blackie whispered savagely:

"Shut up, or I'll kill you right here and now."

That silenced the prisoner. Blackie waited.

"Hey, you! Stranger!"

Jerry Royal's voice was coming closer.

Blackie didn't answer.

"Hey, I want to talk to you."

Blackie Nolan waited until Jerry Royal came closer, and then he let him have it. Blackie's hideout gun barked three times, and the Rimrock lawman crumpled in the dust. Then Blackie shoved the gun—which he usually kept hidden under his shirt — into the Indian's

hand. He drew his .45 from his low-tied holster, and kept the native covered. He considered shooting the redman, but decided against it. Who would take the word of an Indian against that of a white man? It would be better if they had someone to string up.

Blackie Nolan was very pleased with his own cleverness. This way he got rid of the only man in Rimrock who could put the finger on him. He shoved the blame on off to an Indian, and went scot free. Yes, there was no substitute for brains and quick thinking.

The shots had attracted attention, and now some of the townsfolk were rounding the corner into the alley where Jerry Royal lay stretched out on the ground. Blackie held the protesting native, by the throat, and he was shouting at the top of his voice:

"I got yuh, yuh sneakin' murderin' redskin! Teach yuh to go around murderin' white folk!"

The people gathered around him silently, guns drawn, and they watched his act. No one said a word.

"I caught him," snarled Blackie. "Caught him just as he was tryin' to get away, back a this alley."

No one said a word.

Two of the men walked over to Blackie, and swiftly — before he could move — they pinned his arms behind his back. Then they dragged him out of the alley in the direction of the tall poplar trees that bordered the town. He screamed and shrieked all the way, but everyone ignored him. Tears were running down his cheeks, as he realized that they were going to lynch him. He pleaded with them to no avail.

Finally as they settled the noose around his neck, a tall lean man — the leader of the group — spoke: "Should we tell him before he dies?"

The group nodded as a man. He turned to Blackie Nolan and said, "Y'see, Running Cloud couldn't have done it. He's been blind for twenty years."

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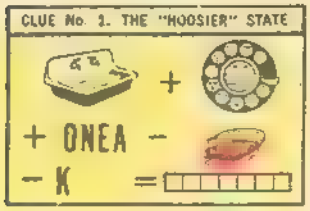

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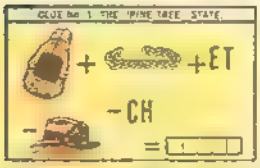

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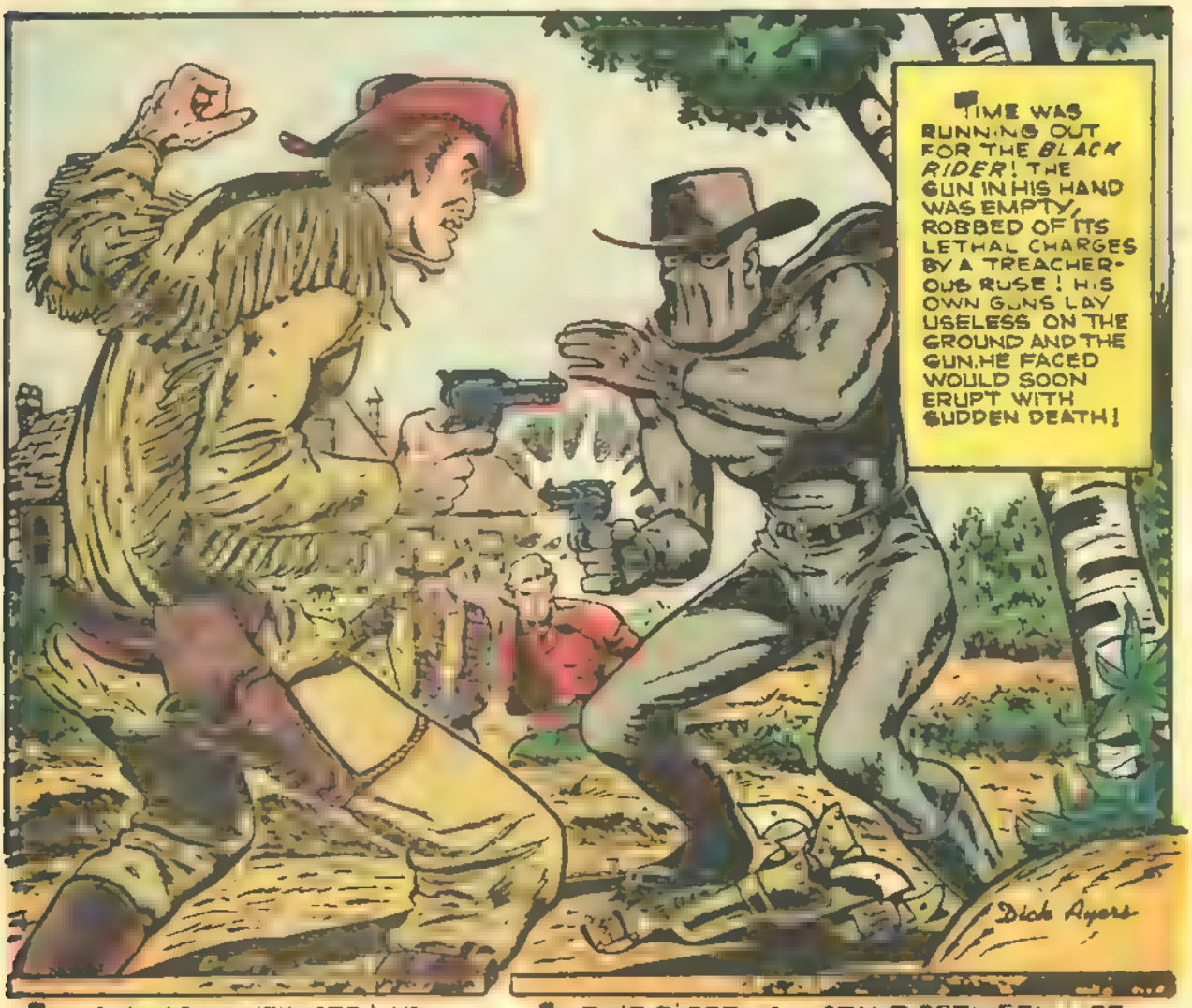
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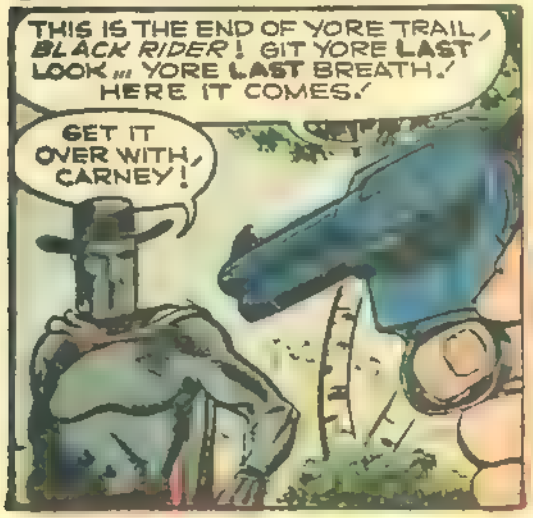
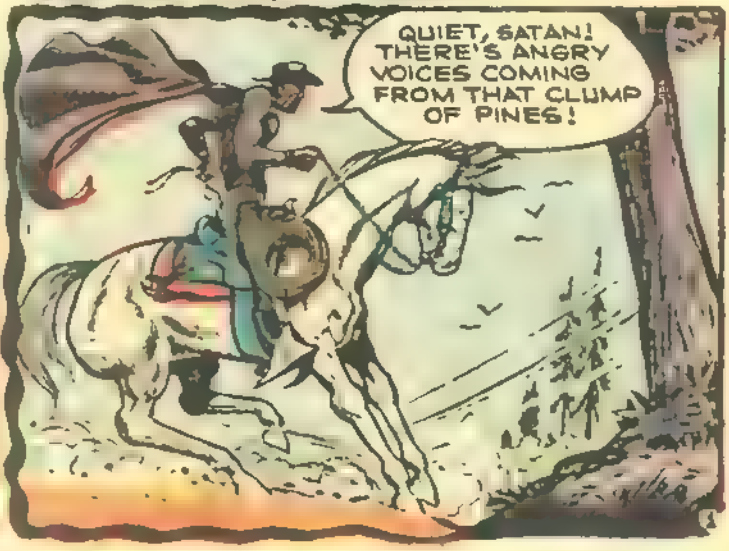
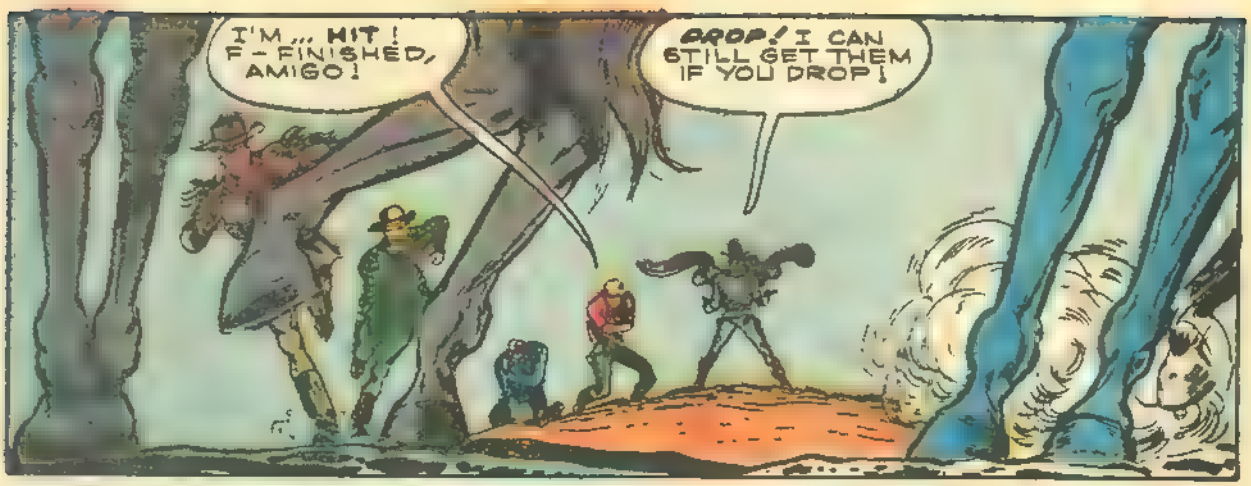
THE BLACK RIDER TENSED! HE WATCHED A HARD FINGER SQUEEZE SLOWLY ON THE TRIGGER AND SAW THE HAMMER OF THE COLT FALL BACK TO FIRING POSITION...



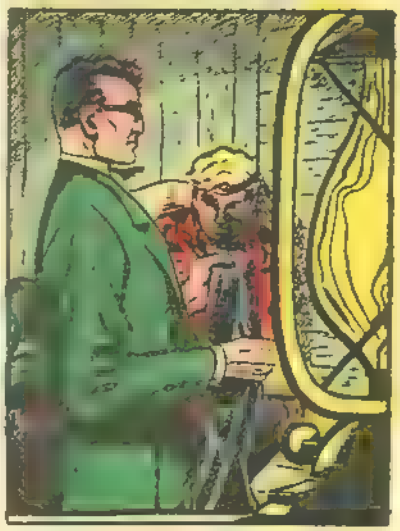
IN THAT FLEETING INSTANT BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, THE BLACK RIDER'S THOUGHTS FLASHED BACK TO A CERTAIN DAY IN JUNE WHEN THIS TRAIL HAD BEGUN...



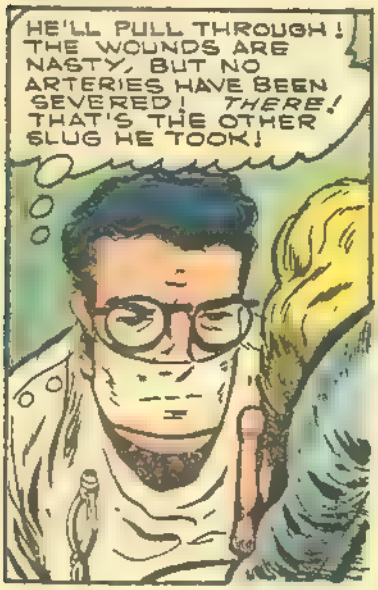
SECONDS LATER, THE BLACK RIDER'S EYES TOOK IN A VIOLENT SCENE...
THERE AIN'T NO OTHER WAY OUT, GIBBS! YUH MADE YORE CHOICE... NOW I AIM TO SEAL YORE LIPS!
GO AHEAD AN' SHOOT, CARNEY! I JOINED UP WITH YORE BUNCH FOR A LITTLE ADVENTURE... BUT I DON'T CALL BANK ROBBIN' AN RUSTLIN' ADVENTURE!
ONCE AN HOMBRE JOINS UP WITH ME, HE EITHER GOES ALONG OR GETS KILLED BY A LAWMAN'S BULLETS!
I'D RATHER BE DEAD THAN RIDE WITH A DIRTY COYOTE WHO SET FIRE TO A RANCH AN' SHOT THE OWNER AN' HIS FAMILY WHEN THEY CAME RUNNIN' OUT!
SUDDENLY, A PAIR OF COLTS SPIT WITH ANGRY VEHEMENCE...
WHRAM!
WHRAM!
THE BLACK RIDER!
THAT'S RIGHT CARNEY. I'LL GIVE YOU TIME TO GRAB YOUR GUNS AND MAYBE A PLAY... OR ELSE ALL THREE OF YOU CAN COME ALONG FOR A LONG STRETCH IN THE LEADVILLE PEN!
YOU PICKED THE EASY WAY OUT! IT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF ESCORTIN' YOU TO TOWN!
WHRAM! WHRAM!
CRACK!
THE BIG COLTS RATTLED AND JERKED AS THEIR MUZZLES BELCHED JETS OF DEATH...
COME ON! LET'S BREAK AWAY AN HEAD FOR THE HILLS!
WHRAM!
CRACK!

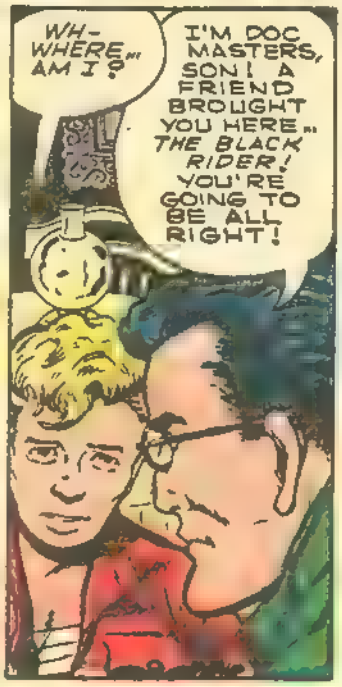


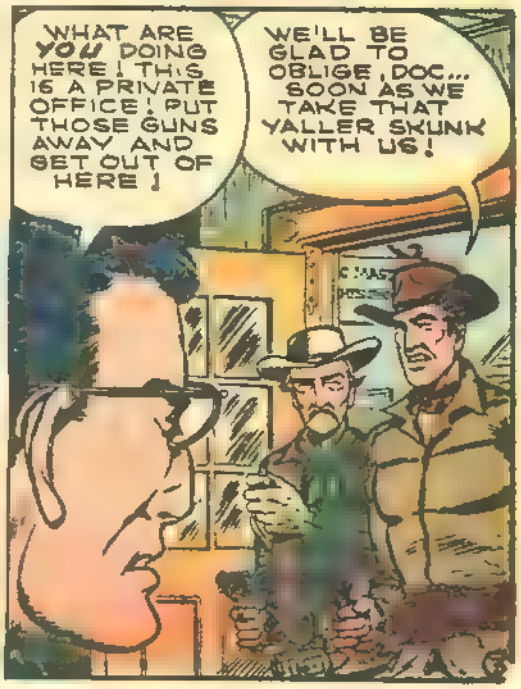
AN HOUR LATER, THE BLACK RIDER BEGAN THE PROCESS OF QUICK CHANGE WHICH WAS TO TURN HIM INTO THE PEACE-LOVING, SIMPLE COUNTRY DOCTOR KNOWN AS DOC MASTERS ...

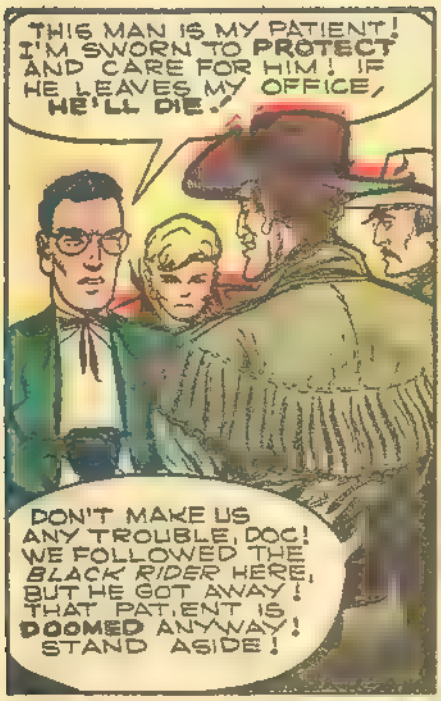


MINUTES LATER, DEFT HANDS WERE PROBING GAPING WOUNDS WITH THE SKILL OF A TRAINED SURGEON...

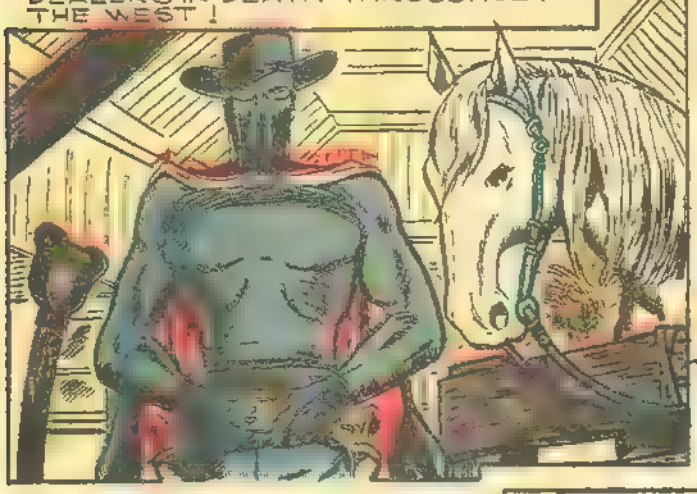





WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE! THIS IS A PRIVATE OFFICE! PUT THOSE GUNS AWAY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
WE'LL BE GLAD TO OBLIGE, DOC... SOON AS WE TAKE THAT YALLER SKUNK WITH US!

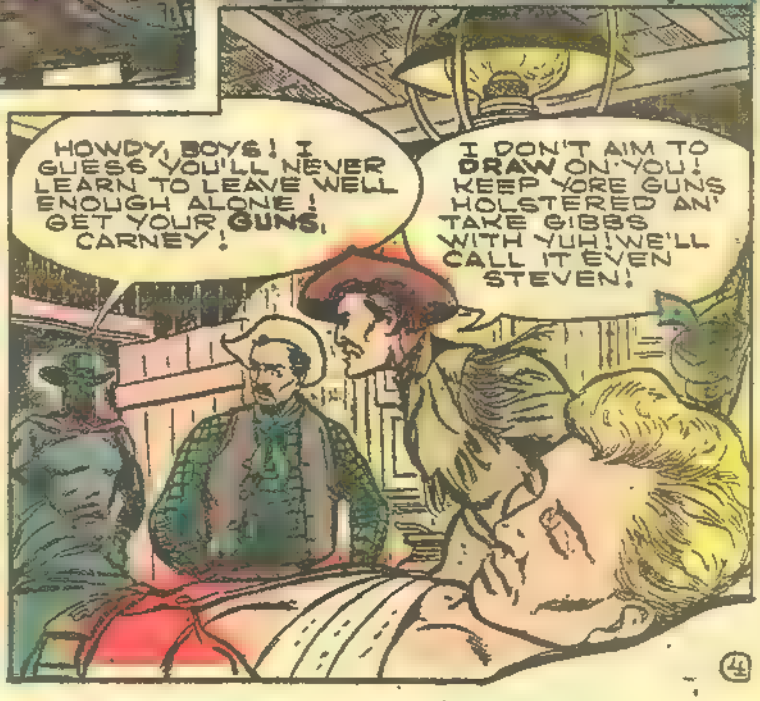

THIS MAN IS MY PATIENT! I'M SWORN TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR HIM! IF HE LEAVES MY OFFICE, HE'LL DIE!
DON'T MAKE US ANY TROUBLE, DOC! WE FOLLOWED THE BLACK RIDER HERE, BUT HE GOT AWAY! THAT PATIENT IS DOOMED ANYWAY! STAND ASIDE!

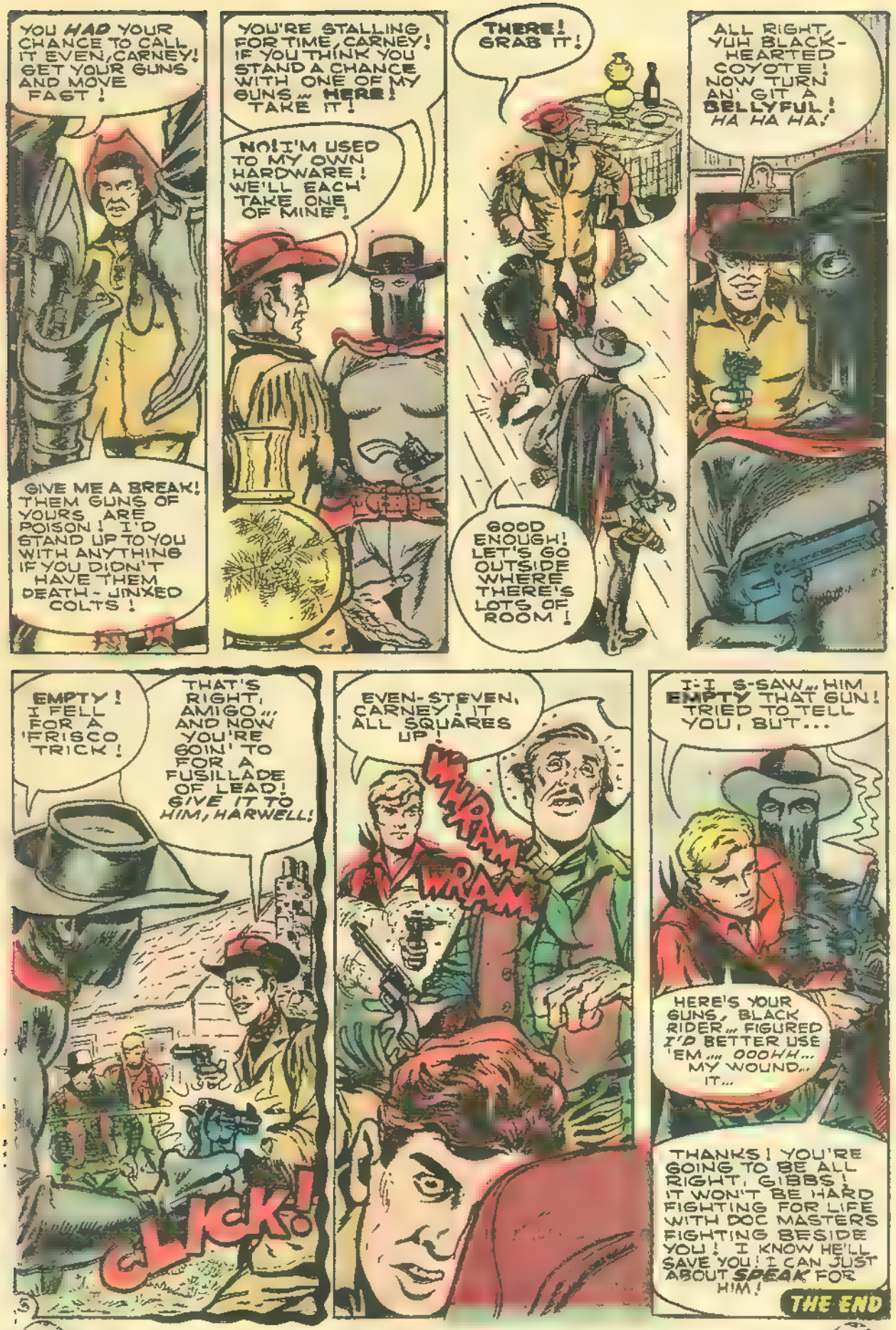
HE DRESSED QUIETLY, THE ICE OF VENGEANCE SETTLING SLOWLY IN IN HIS BLOOD AND MAKING OF HIM THE TERRIBLE THREAT KNOWN TO DEALERS IN DEATH THROUGHOUT THE WEST!



AND MINUTES LATER, THE INSEPARABLE DUO THUNDERED BACK ON THE TRAIL THEY HAD LEFT EARLIER...

HE FOUND THEIR HIDEAWAY, BUT HE WAITED FOR THE DAWN THAT WAS ALREADY BLOOMING IN THE EAST! HE WANTED LIGHT... THERE COULD BE NO MISTAKE... NO EXCUSES!


HOWDY, BOYS! I GUESS YOU'LL NEVER LEARN TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE! GET YOUR GUNS, CARNEY!
I DON'T AIM TO DRAW ON YOU! KEEP YORE GUNS HOLSTERED AN' TAKE GIBBS WITH YUH! WE'LL CALL IT EVEN STEVEN!


YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE TO CALL IT EVEN, CARNEY! GET YOUR GUNS AND MOVE FAST!
GIVE ME A BREAK! THEM GUNS OF YOURS ARE POISON! I'D STAND UP TO YOU WITH ANYTHING IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE THEM DEATH-JINXED COLTS!
YOU'RE STALLING FOR TIME, CARNEY! IF YOU THINK YOU STAND A CHANCE WITH ONE OF MY GUNS... HERE! TAKE IT!
NO! I'M USED TO MY OWN HARDWARE! WE'LL EACH TAKE ONE OF MINE!
THERE! GRAB IT!
GOOD ENOUGH! LET'S GO OUTSIDE WHERE THERE'S LOTS OF ROOM!
ALL RIGHT, YUH BLACK-HEARTED COYOTE! NOW TURN AN' GIT A BELLYFUL! HA HA HA!
EMPTY! I FELL FOR A 'FRISCO TRICK!
THAT'S RIGHT, AMIGO... AND NOW YOU'RE GOIN' TO FOR A FUSILLADE OF LEAD! GIVE IT TO HIM, HARWELL!
CLICK!
EVEN-STEVEN, CARNEY! IT ALL SQUARES UP!
WHAM WRAM
I-I S-SAW... HIM EMPTY THAT GUN! TRIED TO TELL YOU, BUT...
HERE'S YOUR GUNS, BLACK RIDER... FIGURED I'D BETTER USE 'EM... OOOHH... MY WOUND... IT...
THANKS! YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, GIBBS! IT WON'T BE HARD FIGHTING FOR LIFE WITH DOC MASTERS FIGHTING BESIDE YOU! I KNOW HE'LL SAVE YOU! I CAN JUST ABOUT SPEAK FOR HIM!
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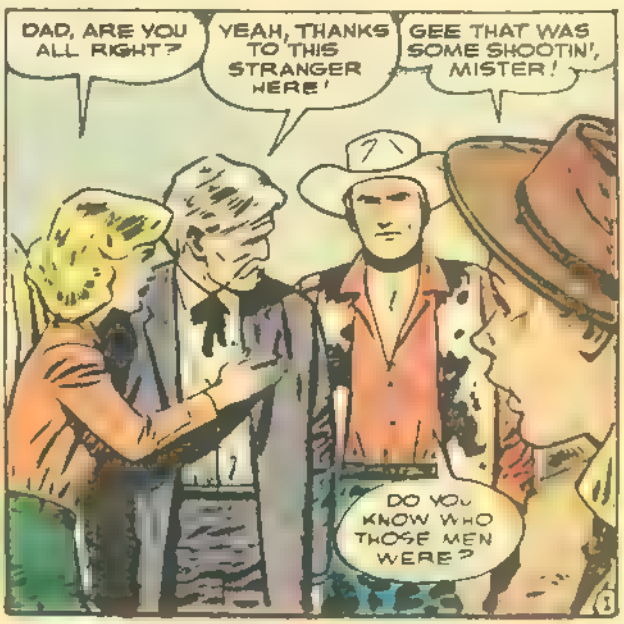
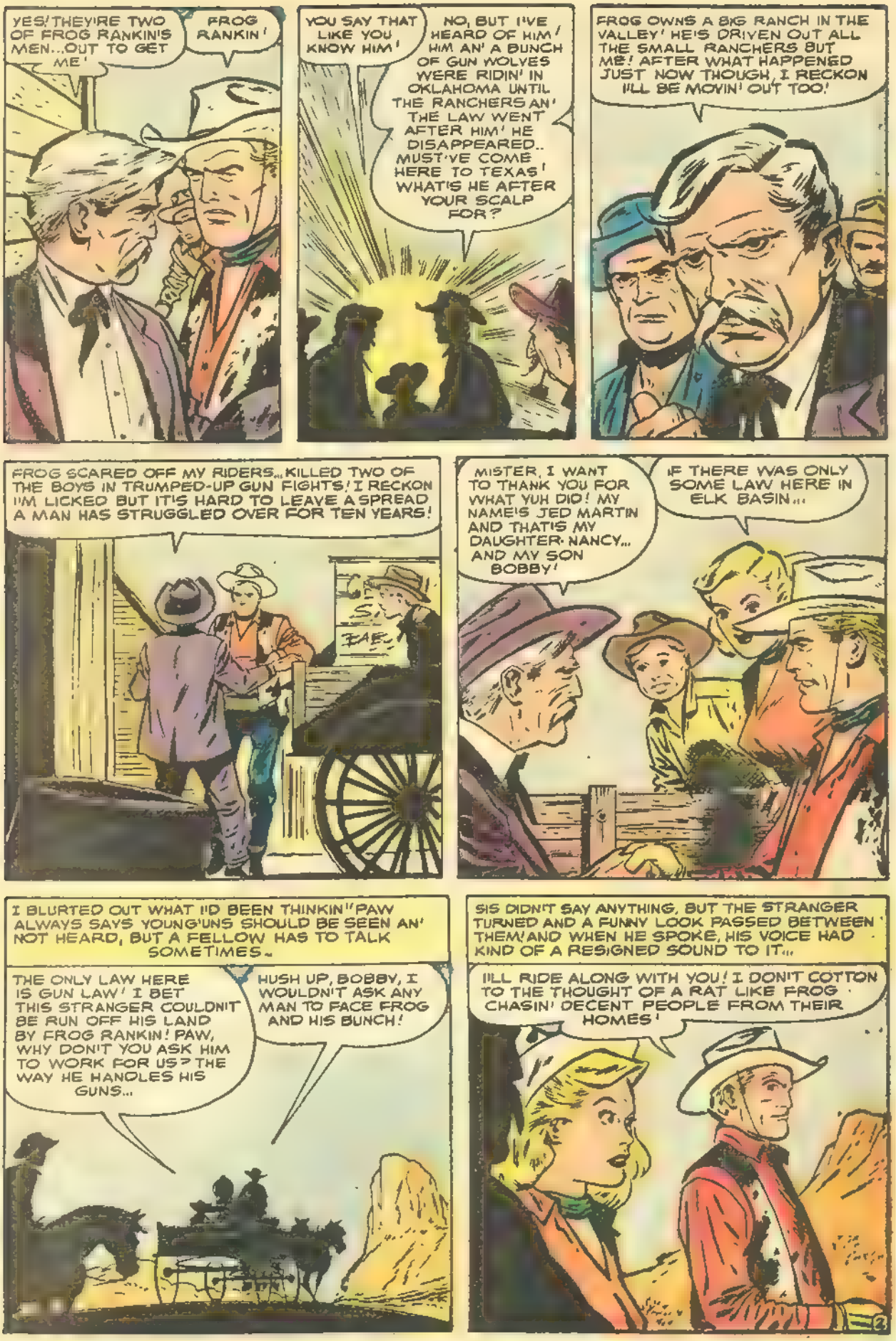
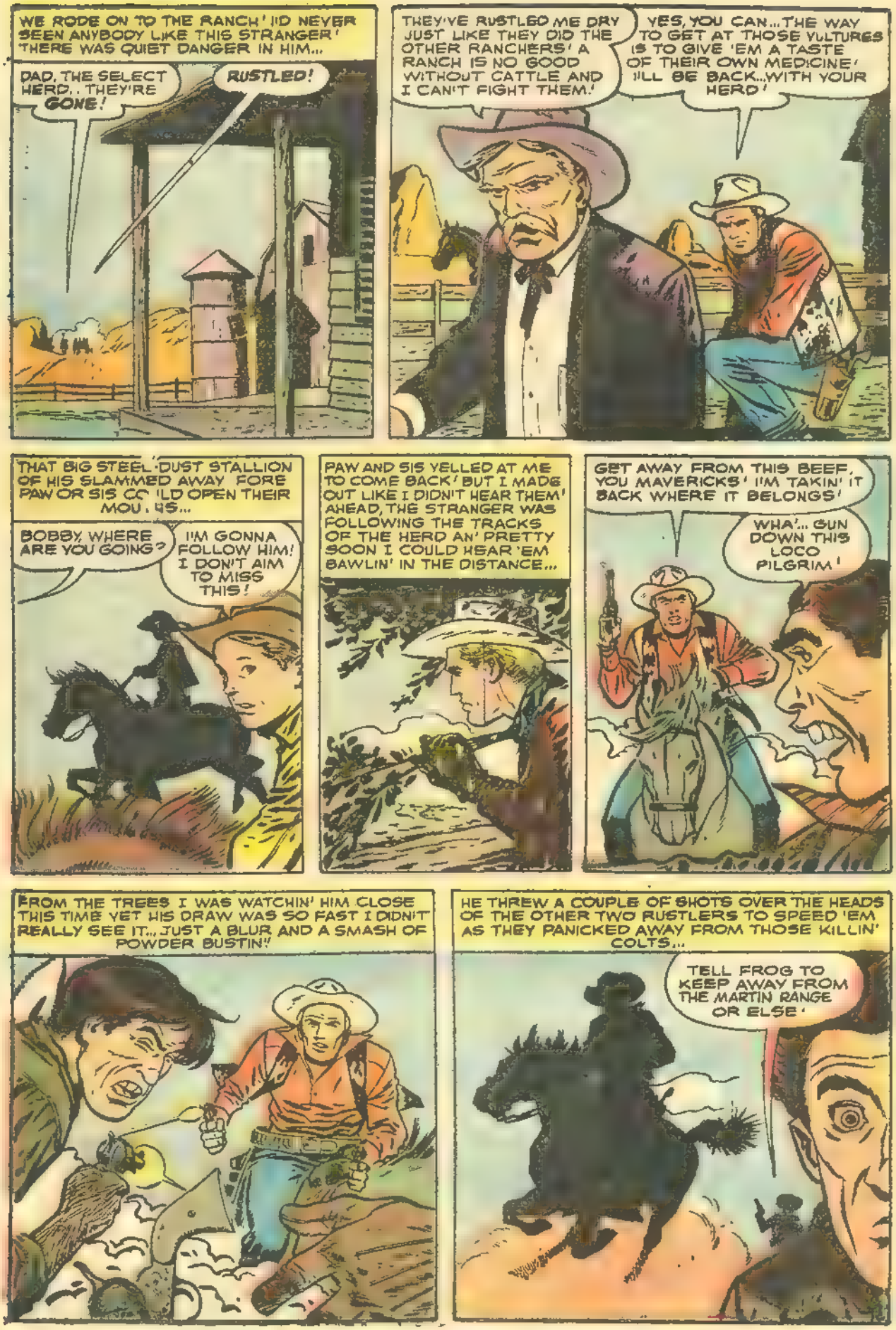
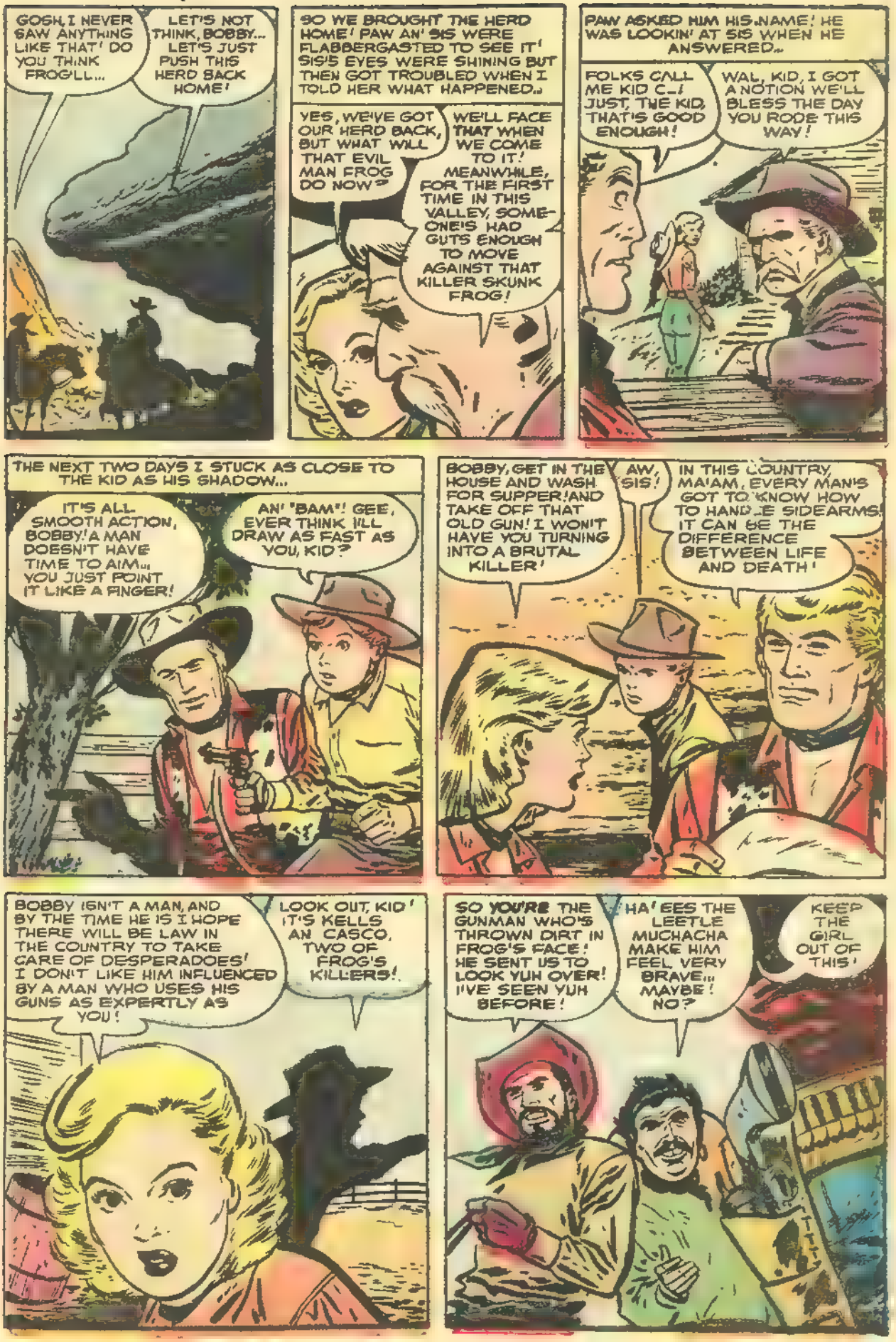



YES! THEY'RE TWO OF FROG RANKIN'S MEN...OUT TO GET ME!
FROG RANKIN!
YOU SAY THAT LIKE YOU KNOW HIM!
NO, BUT I'VE HEARD OF HIM! HIM AN' A BUNCH OF GUN WOLVES WERE RIDIN' IN OKLAHOMA UNTIL THE RANCHERS AN' THE LAW WENT AFTER HIM! HE DISAPPEARED.. MUST'VE COME HERE TO TEXAS! WHAT'S HE AFTER YOUR SCALP FOR?
FROG OWNS A BIG RANCH IN THE VALLEY! HE'S DRIVEN OUT ALL THE SMALL RANCHERS BUT ME! AFTER WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW THOUGH, I RECKON I'LL BE MOVIN' OUT TOO!
FROG SCARED OFF MY RIDERS...KILLED TWO OF THE BOYS IN TRUMPED-UP GUN FIGHTS! I RECKON I'M LICKED BUT IT'S HARD TO LEAVE A SPREAD A MAN HAS STRUGGLED OVER FOR TEN YEARS!
MISTER, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR WHAT YUH DID! MY NAME'S JED MARTIN AND THAT'S MY DAUGHTER NANCY... AND MY SON BOBBY!
IF THERE WAS ONLY SOME LAW HERE IN ELK BASIN...
I BLURTED OUT WHAT I'D BEEN THINKIN'! PAW ALWAYS SAYS YOUNG'UNS SHOULD BE SEEN AN' NOT HEARD, BUT A FELLOW HAS TO TALK SOMETIMES..
THE ONLY LAW HERE IS GUN LAW! I BET THIS STRANGER COULDN'T BE RUN OFF HIS LAND BY FROG RANKIN! PAW, WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM TO WORK FOR US? THE WAY HE HANDLES HIS GUNS...
HUSH UP, BOBBY, I WOULDN'T ASK ANY MAN TO FACE FROG AND HIS BUNCH!
SIS DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, BUT THE STRANGER TURNED AND A FUNNY LOOK PASSED BETWEEN THEM! AND WHEN HE SPOKE, HIS VOICE HAD KIND OF A RESIGNED SOUND TO IT...
I'LL RIDE ALONG WITH YOU! I DON'T COTTON TO THE THOUGHT OF A RAT LIKE FROG CHASIN' DECENT PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES!


WE RODE ON TO THE RANCH! I'D NEVER SEEN ANYBODY LIKE THIS STRANGER! THERE WAS QUIET DANGER IN HIM...
DAD, THE SELECT HERD.. THEY'RE GONE!
RUSTLED!
THEY'VE RUSTLED ME DRY JUST LIKE THEY DID THE OTHER RANCHERS! A RANCH IS NO GOOD WITHOUT CATTLE AND I CAN'T FIGHT THEM!
YES, YOU CAN...THE WAY TO GET AT THOSE VULTURES IS TO GIVE 'EM A TASTE OF THEIR OWN MEDICINE! I'LL BE BACK...WITH YOUR HERD!
THAT BIG STEEL-DUST STALLION OF HIS SLAMMED AWAY FORE PAW OR SIS COULD OPEN THEIR MOUTHS...
BOBBY, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GONNA FOLLOW HIM! I DON'T AIM TO MISS THIS!
PAW AND SIS YELLED AT ME TO COME BACK! BUT I MADE OUT LIKE I DIDN'T HEAR THEM! AHEAD, THE STRANGER WAS FOLLOWING THE TRACKS OF THE HERD AN' PRETTY SOON I COULD HEAR 'EM BAWLIN' IN THE DISTANCE...
GET AWAY FROM THIS BEEF, YOU MAVERICKS! I'M TAKIN' IT BACK WHERE IT BELONGS!
WHA'... GUN DOWN THIS LOCO PILGRIM!
FROM THE TREES I WAS WATCHIN' HIM CLOSE THIS TIME YET HIS DRAW WAS SO FAST I DIDN'T REALLY SEE IT.., JUST A BLUR AND A SMASH OF POWDER BUSTIN'!
HE THREW A COUPLE OF SHOTS OVER THE HEADS OF THE OTHER TWO RUSTLERS TO SPEED 'EM AS THEY PANICKED AWAY FROM THOSE KILLIN' COLTS...
TELL FROG TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE MARTIN RANGE OR ELSE!


GOSH, I NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE THAT! DO YOU THINK FROG'LL...
LET'S NOT THINK, BOBBY... LET'S JUST PUSH THIS HERD BACK HOME!
SO WE BROUGHT THE HERD HOME! PAW AN' SIS WERE FLABBERGASTED TO SEE IT! SIS'S EYES WERE SHINING BUT THEN GOT TROUBLED WHEN I TOLD HER WHAT HAPPENED..
YES, WE'VE GOT OUR HERD BACK, BUT WHAT WILL THAT EVIL MAN FROG DO NOW?
WE'LL FACE THAT WHEN WE COME TO IT! MEANWHILE, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS VALLEY, SOMEONE'S HAD GUTS ENOUGH TO MOVE AGAINST THAT KILLER SKUNK FROG!
PAW ASKED HIM HIS NAME! HE WAS LOOKIN' AT SIS WHEN HE ANSWERED..
FOLKS CALL ME KID C..! JUST, THE KID, THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH!
WAL, KID, I GOT A NOTION WE'LL BLESS THE DAY YOU RODE THIS WAY!
THE NEXT TWO DAYS I STUCK AS CLOSE TO THE KID AS HIS SHADOW...
IT'S ALL SMOOTH ACTION, BOBBY! A MAN DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO AIM... YOU JUST POINT IT LIKE A FINGER!
AN' "BAM"! GEE, EVER THINK I'LL DRAW AS FAST AS YOU, KID?
BOBBY, GET IN THE HOUSE AND WASH FOR SUPPER! AND TAKE OFF THAT OLD GUN! I WON'T HAVE YOU TURNING INTO A BRUTAL KILLER!
AW, SIS!
IN THIS COUNTRY, MA'AM, EVERY MAN'S GOT TO KNOW HOW TO HANDLE SIDEARMS! IT CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!
BOBBY ISN'T A MAN, AND BY THE TIME HE IS I HOPE THERE WILL BE LAW IN THE COUNTRY TO TAKE CARE OF DESPERADOES! I DON'T LIKE HIM INFLUENCED BY A MAN WHO USES HIS GUNS AS EXPERTLY AS YOU!
LOOK OUT, KID! IT'S KELLS AN CASCO, TWO OF FROG'S KILLERS!
SO YOU'RE THE GUNMAN WHO'S THROWN DIRT IN FROG'S FACE! HE SENT US TO LOOK YUH OVER! I'VE SEEN YUH BEFORE!
HA! EES THE LEETLE MUCHACHA MAKE HIM FEEL VERY BRAVE... MAYBE! NO?
KEEP THE GIRL OUT OF THIS!

A LEETLE SMILE AN' HE BECOMES BRAVE MAN! TOO BAD NOW WE MUST KEEL HIM!
YOU DIRTY DOG!
CASCO, YUH FOOL.. LOOK OUT!
THE KID WAS UP IN A FLASH, AN' WITH THE SAME MOVEMENT HE PULLED THE BIG MEXICAN UP WITH HIM!
NOW I'LL STOP YOUR BIG MOUTH!
UGGH!
GET AWAY FROM HIM, YUH CRAZY MEX, SO I CAN BLAST HIM!
KELLS CHOPPED DOWN AND SHOT, BUT THE KID HAD SEEN IT COMING...
NO! KELLS MADRE DE DIOS!
I KNOW YUH NOW... YOU'RE KID... ARRRGH!
BANG! BANG!
YOU CAN TAKE KELLS BACK TO YOUR BOSS! I'M ONLY LETTIN' YUH LIVE SO YOU CAN TELL FROG HIS KILLERS AIN'T FAST ENOUGH AND TO GIVE HIM HIS SECOND WARNIN'... KEEP OFF THE MARTIN RANGE!
I KNOW KELLS WAS TRYING TO KILL HIM! STILL IT LOOKED TO ME THAT THE KID BLASTED HIM THAT WAY TO KEEP HIM FROM SAYIN' HIS NAME! I WONDERED WHY?
I WANTED YOU TO STAY TO HELP US... BUT YOU'RE NO BETTER THAN THEY ARE.. JUST A BLOODY-HANDED GUN-MAN!
MA'AM, THOSE MEN CAME HERE TO KILL ME! THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN FIGHT THEIR KIND IS WITH THEIR OWN WEAPONS!

I KNEW WHAT PAW WOULD SAY! I'D SEEN HOW, SINCE THE KID HAD COME, SOME OF HIS FIERCE WILL TO FIGHT HAD RUBBED OFF ON DAD! WOMEN... THEY DON'T SAVVY MAN TALK...

NO, NANCY! I AIN'T LETTIN' THAT SNAKE FROG DRIVE ME FROM OUR HOME! I'M GONNA STAY AND FIGHT HIM... WITH THE KID'S HELP!

ATTABOY, PAW!

SIS WAS CRYIN' IN HER ROOM! WE HAD TO RUSTLE OUR OWN SUPPER! AFTERWARD, SITTIN' OUT IN FRONT, PAW WAS TALKIN' ABOUT WHAT HE PLANNED FOR THE RANCH...WHEN IT HAPPENED...

YUP, THE EAST FORTY WILL BEAR ME A CROP OF...

WAIT! RAIDERS COMIN'! PUT OUT THE LIGHTS!

IT WAS FROG AN' HIS RIDERS! WE DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO GET INSIDE! THEIR LEAD SMASHED THROUGH THE WINDOWS AND RATTLED THE POTS ON THE STOVE INSIDE...

BURN THE DUMP DOWN!

THE KID'S LEAD WAS BRINGING SCREAMS FROM THE DARKNESS! THEN A HORSE SLAMMED CLOSE, A GUN FLAMED, AN' IN ITS LIGHT, I SAW FROG'S FACE LIKE I'D SEEN IT IN MY NIGHTMARES...

OHHH!

I BLACKED OUT FOR A MINUTE! WHEN I WOKE, THE GUNS WERE SILENT! I COULDN'T MOVE... BUT I COULD HEAR...

HE'S DEAD! **YOU** DID THIS! YOU AND YOUR ROTTEN GUNS!

FROG AN' WHAT'S LEFT OF HIS MEN HEADED FOR TOWN! I'M GOIN' AFTER HIM!

I'M GOIN' WITH YUH!

I GUESS THE BULLET HAD JUST STUNNED ME! I HEARD THEM RIDIN' AWAY AND I JUMPED UP, HALF DIZZY...

BOBBY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

AFTER THEM! FOLLOWIN' THE KID AN' PAW INTO TOWN!

THEY REACHED TOWN WITH ME ON THEIR HEELS, HIDDEN BY THE DARK! FROG WAS IN THE SALOON! I SCOOTED INTO THE ALLEY AN' GOT TO THE SIDE WINDOW JUST AS PAW AN' THE KID SLAMMED OPEN THE DOORS...
FROG!
I GAVE YOU WARNING TO STAY OFF THE MARTIN RANGE! THIS IS THE SHOWDOWN, YUH DIRTY, KID-KILLIN' SKUNK... DRAW!
YOU! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WAS THE GUNHAWK MARTIN HAD HIRED! I KNOW YOU... YOU'RE KID...
FROG DREW AS HE TALKED! THE REST OF WHAT HE SAID WAS SWALLOWED BY THE ROAR OF FLAMIN' SIX-SHOOTERS AN' THE BELLOW OF PAW'S SHOTGUN!
BANG!
POW
BANG!
POW
BAM!
BAM!
IT WAS ALL OVER IN A SECOND! I RECKON THERE AIN'T NOBODY NOWHERE CAN FIGHT LIKE THE KID! AN' PAW, HE SHOWED 'EM SOMETHIN' TOO!
I RECKON THAT'S ALL!
PAW!
BOBBY, YOU AIN'T... YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!
WE CAME OUT JUST AS SIS DREW UP IN THE BUCKBOARD...
MA'AM, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY NO MORE! THIS RANGE WILL BE PLUMB PEACEFUL FROM NOW ON! I KNOW WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THINKIN' ABOUT ME, AN' YOU WERE RIGHT! I'LL BE RIDIN' ON NOW!
IT WAS SO SUDDEN-LIKE, AN' WE WAS SO CHOKED UP! WE COULDN'T FIND WORDS UNTIL HE WAS ALMOST SWALLOWED UP BY THE DARKNESS! THEN SIS SPOKE...
HE WAS RIGHT! THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY, TO STAY AND FIGHT! NOW HE'S GONE, AND I DROVE HIM AWAY! OH, DAD!
I KNOW, LASS! I WISH HE'D STAYED AN'... WELL, THE SAME AS YOU WISH! BUT HE AIN'T THE KIND TO SETTLE DOWN!
MAYBE WE'LL MEET AGAIN SOME DAY, BUT EVEN IF WE DON'T, I'LL NEVER FORGET HIM! HE'S THE KIND OF A MAN I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP...
WE NEVER EVEN KNEW HIS NAME!
NAME'S MEAN NOTHIN', HONEY! WHAT HE HAS BEEN DON'T COUNT EITHER! IT'S WHAT A MAN IS THAT COUNTS... AN' HE'S A MAN!
GOOD-BYE, KID! GOOD LUCK, WHEREEVER YOU MAY BE!
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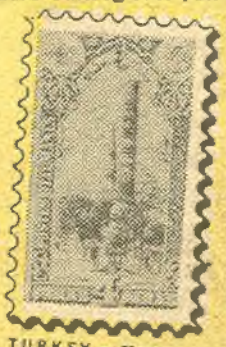

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